industrial units in the States within the New Industrial Policy. As a result, a total of 16,540 Industrial Entrepreneur Memoranda (IEM) have been filed by the entrepreneurs envisaging investment of Rs. 3,33,475 crores during August 1991 to November 1994. Out of this 6264 number of IEMs have been filed for backward areas envisaging an investment of Rs. 1,44,602 crores.

State profitability of PSUs

1426. DR. B. B. DUTTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the profitability of PSUs in terms of ratio of gross margin and gross profit to capital employed have not improved over the last ten years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. However, in absolute terms the net profit of Central PSEs has increased substantially during last ten years, i.e. from Rs. 241 crores in 1983-84 to Rs. 33.96 crores in 1992-93. The details of gross margin, gross profit and their ratios to capital employed are given at pages 18 and 19 of volume-I of P E Survey laid in the Parliament on 23.2.1994.

(c) Steps taken to improve the performance of PSEs are given at page 123 in the same volume.

Performance of capital goods industries

142. DR. B. B. DUTTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the growth in Industrial Sector during the last three years;

(b) what has been the contribution made by the capital goods industries during these years;

(c) what are the reasons for low performance of capital goods industries; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to accelerate industrial production, especially capital goods industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) As per the data available from CSO, industrial sector recorded a growth rate of 0.6 percent, 2.3 percent and 3.3 percent in 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 respectively. The corresponding growth rates for the capital goods were (—) 8.1 percent, (—) 0.1 percent and (—) 5.1 per cent.

(c) and (d) Low growth during last three years was caused by high import costs due to Rupee devaluation, high interest rates and credit restrictions etc. Government have gradually removed these constraints. In addition, 1994-95 Budget has extended the MODVAT to capital goods industries and imposed countervailing duty to protect domestic industry. As a result, the capital goods industries have recorded a high growth rate of 13.8 percent during April—July, 1994-95; as against an overall industrial growth of 7.9 per cent in the same period.

Value of land owned by Bharat Process and Mechanical Engineers Ltd.

1428. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the asset value of Bharat Process and Mechanical Engineers Ltd. (BPMEL) under BBUNL;

(b) how much land was owned by BPMEL after the erstwhile Bird Co. was nationalised and how much land is still under the possession of BPMEL;

(c) what is the income of the company from its rented premises at Calcutta HQ and from its Bellaghata property; and

(d) the details of the land possessed by the company at Beliaghata and Dokhindori alongwith their present value?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The fixed asset value of Bharat Process & Mechanical Engineers Ltd. (BPMEL) as on 31.3.1994 is Rs. 59.01 lakh after deduction of depreciation.

(b) At the time of nationalisation BPMEL had the following landed property:—

(i) *Freehold land at Beliaghatia;*

12 Bighas, 10 Kathas,

11 Chattacks.

(ii) *Leasehold land at Beliaghata:*

4 Kathas, 13 Chattacks and 7 sq. Feet.

Subsequently, about 7 lakh sq. ft. of land at Dakhindari has been earmarked to BPMEL by a decision of an Inter-Ministerial Committee. However, possession is yet to be taken over.

(c) The annual rental income of the Company from its Head Office and Beliaghata property is Rs. 38.53 lakh and Rs. 3.47 lakh respectively.

(d) (i) A freehold land at Beliaghata measuring 12 Bighas, 10 Kathas, 11 Chattacks purchased by the erstwhile Bird & Co., at a price of Rs. 3,67,192|-.

(ii) A leasehold land at Beliaghata measuring 4 Kathas, 13 Chattacks and 7 sq. ft. taken on lease by erstwhile Bird & Co., at a price of Rs. 1005|-. The legal possession of 7 lakh sq. ft land at Dakhindari is yet to be received by BPMEL.

The market value of these properties has not been assessed.

Information on industry

1429. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that information on industry is a vital requirement of industrial growth;

(b) if so, the official agencies or publications that provide information on the working of our industrial sector;

(c) whether the dissemination of information is sufficient for our fast economic growth; and

(d) if not, what concrete measures Government contemplate to provide more information on our industrial sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An illustrative list of the official agencies|publications providing information on the working of the industrial sector is given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The situation is reviewed on a continuous basis and appropriate actions taken from time to time.

Statement

Illustrative List of Agencies/Publications providing information on the working of industrial sector.

1. Annual Survey of Industries carried out by Central Statistical Organisation (CSO).